

## FIREFIGHTER

### DEFINITION

Under supervision, responds to fire alarms, emergency medical calls, and other emergency calls to protect life and property; participates in fire training, fire prevention, public education, station and equipment maintenance activities; and performs related duties as required.

### SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Receives supervision from an assigned supervisor.

### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS – Functions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Respond to fire and other emergency alarms; connect and lay hose lines; assist in operating nozzles and direct water stream and other extinguishing agents onto fires; position and climb ladders to fight fires and effect rescue operations; make entry ventilation openings in buildings using hand and power tools.

Render emergency medical attention.

Assist in rescue, overhaul, and/or salvage of buildings, cars, aircraft or other hazardous environments.

Perform building and grounds maintenance; clean, service, inspect and test motor driven equipment including automobiles, fire, rescue and supply trucks.

May operate fire and rescue apparatus in training or relief of others.

Study fire department rules, regulations and procedures; attend drills, training and conferences; study firefighting techniques.

Learn about fire hazards and conduct community inspections; give demonstrations, classes and training to the public.

May drive or operate an ambulance.

May assist in conducting hydrant maintenance or routine inspections.

May participate in physical fitness program.

Build and maintain positive, collaborative working relationships with co-workers, other City employees, personnel from a wide range of outside agencies, other colleagues in the field, and the public.

Perform other duties related to this position.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

#### Knowledge of:

#### Ability to:

Learn new skills and methods quickly and accurately.

Perform physical duties associated with firefighting.

Work in a variety of weather conditions (hot, cold, rain, wind, dust, etc.) and in extremely hazardous situations.

Work 24-hour shifts.

Perform life saving techniques to victims.

Learn and follow City policies and procedures.

Read and understand printed information during emergency calls.

Follow written and verbal orders from supervisors.

Work with teams.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Work with various cultural and ethnic groups in a tactful and effective manner.

#### Experience and Training

Any combination of education and/or experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

#### Experience:

Previous work experience is not required.

Training:

Equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade. Associate's degree in Fire Science/Technology is highly desirable.

Special Requirements

Must be at least 18 years of age at time of application.

License or Certificate

Possession of valid EMT certification at time of application.

California Class C Driver's License at time of appointment.

Fire Fighter I Certification, EMT-D Certification, Combi-tube Certification and Fire Fighter II Certification are highly desirable.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must be able to perform a wide range of physical duties to include: reading and comprehending English, taking written and practical tests, stooping, lifting heavy objects (100 lbs.), running, walking on uneven surfaces, climbing ladders, pulling heavy hoses, wearing heavy equipment, carrying heavy objects, crawling, map memorization, reading technical manuals, reading signs and labels quickly, and other related physical duties.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Work is performed in a variety of weather conditions (hot, cold, rain, wind, dust, etc.) and in extremely hazardous situations.